

Grammar in context 1

Comparatives and superlatives

1 ☆ Read the sentences and choose the correct alternative.

- 1 That's more boring/the most boring programme I've seen in a long time!
- 2 I saw two horror films this weekend, but the second one was much scarier/scariest than the first one.
- 3 José's more fluent/the most fluent speaker in our English class.
- 4 You'll have a faster/fastest connection with this mobile device.
- 5 I didn't like that film. It was more violent/most violent than I expected.
- 6 Chris Hemsworth is one of the bigger/the biggest film stars in the world today.

2 ☆☆ Complete the text with the comparative or superlative form of the adjectives given. Add *than* where necessary.



Cinema records

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For a lot of us, there aren't many things

(a) (enjoyable) seeing a good film. But do you know what (b) (long) film ever is? It's an experimental film called *Logistics*. It lasts for nearly 36 days and it's about how they make pedometers. Has anyone ever had a (c) (strange) idea for a film? Possibly not!

The film *Cinématon* is

(d) (short) *Logistics* but it's (e) (long) most films. It lasts 151 hours and contains short scenes of celebrities and some of (f) (close) friends of the director.

When we see a good film, usually

(g) (memorable) part is the acting. But who is

(h) (successful) actor ever? Possibly it's Meryl Streep. She's received more than 20 Oscar nominations! Do you know what her (i) (late) film is?

(j) (young) actor to receive an Oscar is Tatum O'Neal. She was only 10 when she won in 1974. So she was probably

(k) (young) you are now!

Modifying comparatives

3 ☆☆ Complete the sentences using one of the two modifying expressions and the comparative form of the adjective given.

- 1 Pong, one of the first video games, was very simple but *Fortnite Battle Royale* is very complex. *Fortnite Battle Royale* is _____ (a lot / a bit difficult).
- 2 The Walt Disney Studios in the US occupy an area of 21 hectares but the Ramoji Film City in India occupies 674 hectares. The Ramoji Film City is _____ (slightly / much big).
- 3 The actor Dwayne Johnson ('The Rock') has a fortune of \$300 million but Will Smith has \$350 million. Will Smith is _____ (a bit / far rich).
- 4 3.57 billion viewers saw the 2018 FIFA® World Cup in Russia, but 3.6 billion viewers saw the 2016 Olympics® in Rio. The Olympics were _____ (far / slightly popular).
- 5 The first TV channel appeared in 1928 but the first streaming service started in 1995. The first TV channel is _____ (a lot / slightly old).
- 6 There are 50 actors in the film *Captain Marvel*, but 99 in *Avengers: Endgame*. The number of actors in *Avengers: Endgame* is _____ (much / a bit high).

less ... than, (not) as ... as

4 ☆☆ Rewrite the sentences using the words given. Do not change the meaning.

- 1 Video games are more interesting than films. (less) Watching films _____
- 2 Science-fiction series are more gripping than comedies. (as) Comedies _____
- 3 Dramas aren't as informative as documentaries. (less) Dramas _____
- 4 Comedies are less violent than crime series. (as) Comedies _____
- 5 Sometimes the news is as moving as a drama. (less) Sometimes the news _____

Grammar challenge ☆☆☆

5 There is a word missing in each sentence. Write an appropriate word in the correct place.

- 1 Watching sports live is more exciting watching it on TV.
- 2 *The X Factor* is popular than any other talent show.
- 3 What's scariest film you've seen?
- 4 I thought the film was 90 minutes long but it lasted 3 hours! It was longer than I expected.
- 5 Your smart phone cost £120 but mine cost £130. Mine is more expensive.
- 6 This is the most exciting film I ever seen.